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SUBJECT: JAF FORCE TRAINING FOR OMAN

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1. WITH REGARD TO YOUR QUERY POSED IN PARA 1A, REFTTEL, WITH KING'S APPROVAL, CMDR RJAF TOLD FOLLOWING TO DATT ON RJAF'S NEEDS FOR ADDITIONAL T-37 ACFT.

A. BASED ON INFO FROM SULTAN OF OMAN AND CHIEF OF THE OMANI AIR FORCE, APPROX 15 CADETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING IN JORDAN BEGINNING JUNE 1975. THEIR PORGRAM WILL BE 3 MOS IN MIL TNG CTR, 2 MOS OF ENG LANG, 7 MOS AT THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AERO-NAUTICAL ACADEMY, AND THEN TRANSFER TO MAFRAQ AFB FOR T-37 TNG.

B. THE CROWN PRINCE OF BAHRAIN HAS REQUESTED THAT 25 BAHRAINIS BEGIN SIMILAR TNG AT THE SAME TIME. IT IS DOUBTED THAT RJAF CAN HANDLE THIS NUMBER, AND THEY WILL PROBABLY SEEK A COMPROMISE OF 5-10 CADETS FOR TNG.

C. AS A RESULT RJAF MUST MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF RJAF PILOT TRAINEES THAT THEY CAN TRAIN THIS YEAR TO LIGHTEN THEIR OWN REQUIREMENTS NEXT YEAR. CMDR, RJAF IS TARGETING 60 TRAINEES OF WHICH HE EXPECTS TO GRADUATE 40 FROM T-37 TRAINING BY EARLY 1976. T-37 PROBLEM IS ALREADY UPON RJAF BECAUSE HIGH NORS RATE BEING EXPERIENCED FOR PRESENT SIX ACFT DUE TO FAULTY ENGINE SEALS AND LACK OF ADEQUATE SPARE ENGINES.

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2. AT THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION MEETINGS IN MAR 1965, JAF
DELEGATION WAS INFORMED THAT AN LOA WOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE
ADDITIONAL T-37'S. WITH THE AMBITIOUS PROGRAM OUTLINED ABOVE,
RJAF'S NEED IS IMMEDIATE FOR ADDITIONAL T-37'S AND LOA PROCESSING
SHOULD BE EXPEDITED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, ASSUMING APPROVAL
OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT, SO THAT ACFT COULD BE MADE AVAIL WITHIN TWO
MONTHS, IF NOT SOONER.
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